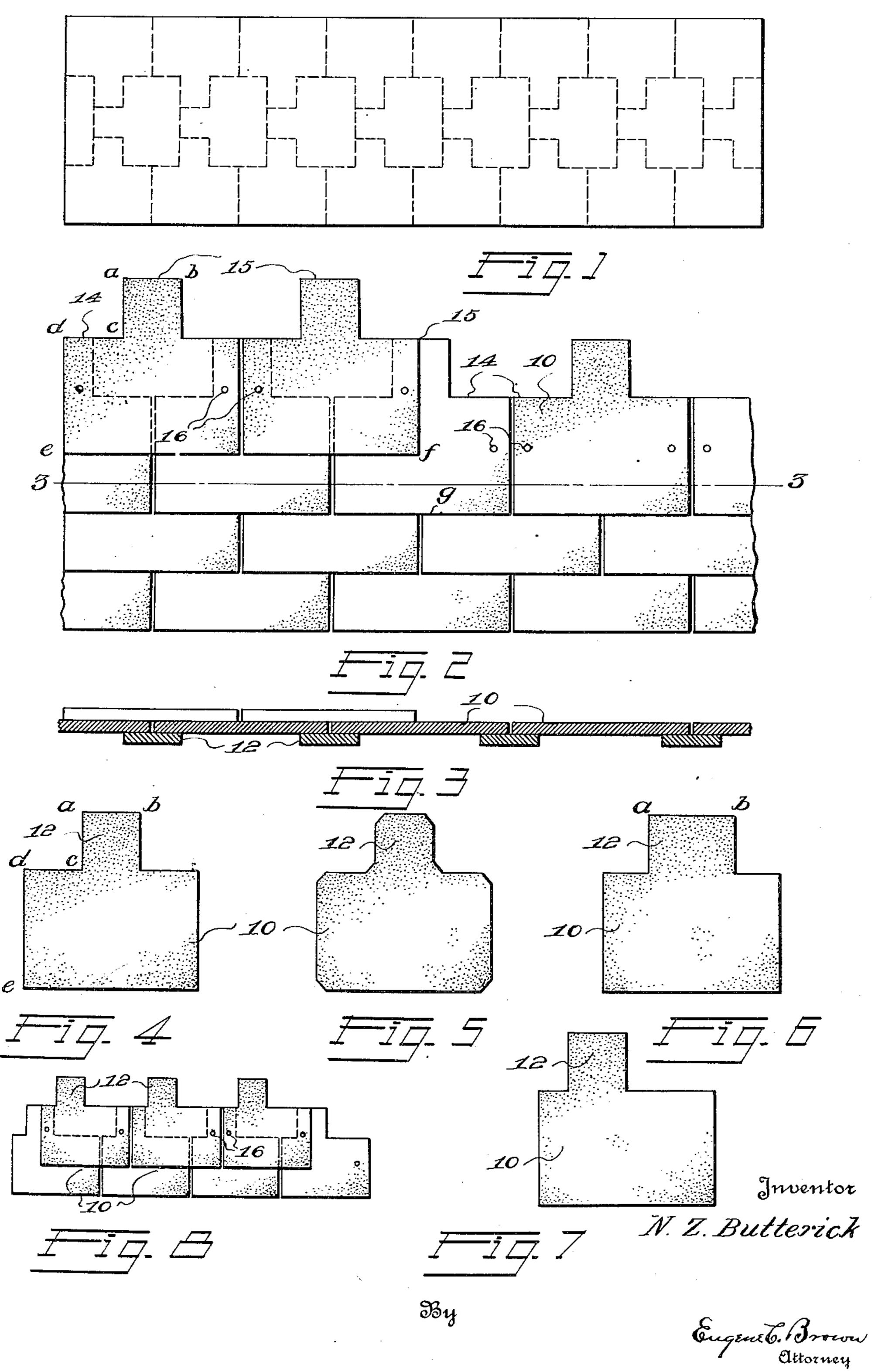
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cut from sheets of felt or other flexible ma- and angles cut off for ornamental purposes. 5 is applied a granular facing.

considerable time.

alined both horizontally and vertically as it indicated at 16. when laid.

In the following description, I shall refer 25 to the accompanying drawings, in which:

Figure 1 is a plan view of a strip of sheet material showing the method which I employ in cutting the shingles without waste of material; Fig. 2 is a plan view looking 30 down upon a roof laid with shingles made in accordance with my invention; Fig. 3 is a transverse sectional view taken on the line 3—3 of Fig. 2; Figs. 4, 5, 6 and 7 illustrate different shapes of shingles embodying the features of my invention; and Fig. 8 is a plan view, in miniature, illustrating the manner of laying the shingles shown in Fig. 7.

Each of the shingles constructed in accordance with my invention consists of a body portion 10, having an upwardly extending rectangular portion 12, the width of which extending portion is located centrally of the extending longitudinally of the strip. upper edge of the body portion, while in 55 Fig. 7, the extension is disposed nearer to

This invention relates to roofing shingles one end. In Fig. 5, I have shown the corners

terial preferably impregnated with bitumi- In laying the shingles, the first row is laid nous compound to the outer surface of which in the usual manner. The next row is laid by placing the top edges 14 of the body por- 60 The laying of individual shingles on a tions in alinement with the top edges 15 of roof is necessarily slow as the roof must the extensions of the row previously laid be accurately measured and chalked to en- and with the joints between adjacent shingles sure an even exposure of the shingles to the positioned on the vertical central axes of said no weather. This lining of the roof consumes extensions. In this manner each row of 65 shingles is aligned accurately both horizon-One of the objects of my invention is to tally and vertically. As each shingle is provide a shingle which may be accurately placed in position, it is nailed at the points

is laid, thereby avoiding the necessity for I have illustrated in Fig. 1, the manner 70 the preliminary measurements and chalking of cutting the shingles from the strip of heretofore required. A further object is to sheet material without any waste of material. provide a shingle which may be cut from the If the top extension is made one third of sheet more economically than heretofore, the width of the body portion, there will be 20 thereby effecting a saving in material and yet a saving of two-ninths of the material over 75 maintaining the tightness of the roof and that required for the regular octagonal exposing a greater percentage of the shingle shingle while a corresponding saving of onesixth of the material will be effected by making the extension one-half of the width of the body portion, as shown in Fig. 6. If the 80 shingle is made with the width of the extension one-third of the body portion, I make the latter eighteen inches wide and if the extension is one half the width of the body portion it is preferable to make the latter 85 twelve inches in width.

> The advantages which result from the use of shingles constructed in accordance with my present invention in time and labor will be evident to contractors and builders and 90 the commercial advantages in the saving of material over the usual octagon form will be appreciated by manufacturers.

1 claim:

An individual shingle having a substan- 95 tially rectangular body portion and an upward extension projecting from the upper u-b may be from one-third to one-half the edge of the body portion, said extension havwidth of the body, the height a-c being sub- ing a height equal to the intended exposure stantially one-half the height d-e of the of said shingle, with the height of extension 100 body. The height of the extension must be being substantially one-half the length of equal to the exact height of the intended the body and the breadth being substantially exposure to the weather f-g of the shingle. one-third of the breadth of the body, where-By thus constructing the shingle, I am en- by the shingles can be cut from a continuous abled to obtain the maximum weather ex-strip without any waste by arranging op- 105 posure without sacrificing the tightness of posed pairs transversely of the strip and the roof. In Figs. 4, 5 and 6, the upwardly separated by centrally positioned shingles

In testimony whereof I affix my signature. NAASON Z. BUTTERICK.